

REMARKS

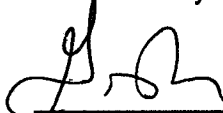
Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite improved mouthfeel properties in line with page 16, lines 5-7 of the specification and the Office's comment in the most recent action.

Regarding the amount of folic acid in the spread, the Office has indicated that the FDA recommendation is up to 400 mg per serving. If a serving size were 20 g., 400 mg folic acid per serving would amount to 2% on product. In contrast, the present specification on page 23 with respect to Example 7 indicates that even very small quantities of folic acid have a significant effect in terms of droplet size increase. Claim 2 recites an even lower level of folic acid than claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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